



The Office of the Governor

*Executive Department
State of Idaho*

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

*State Capitol
Boise*

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2015-12

ESTABLISHING THE IDAHO MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT

WHEREAS, Idaho has citizens demonstrating exceptional, meritorious and inspirational service to the people of our state; and

WHEREAS, currently Idaho has no award comparable to the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize those individuals with the highest civilian honor that can be bestowed by the state of Idaho upon one of her citizens; and

WHEREAS; the Idaho Medal of Achievement will be made from 99.9% fine silver donated by the Hecla Mining Company located in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho do hereby order the creation of the **Idaho Medal of Achievement** and the following:*

- 1. The establishment of the Idaho Medal of Achievement Commission, which shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Commission shall not consist of more than five (5) people. The Governor shall select the chair of the commission from the members;*
- 2. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made;*
- 3. Commission members and the sitting Governor are not eligible to receive the award while serving on the commission or in office;*
- 4. A nominee for the Idaho Medal of Achievement must be a current or deceased Idaho resident, who, through their career, single act or acts, or life's work, involving public and/or private endeavors provided inspirational or distinguished service, bringing great distinction to Idaho;*
- 5. More than one medal may be awarded at a time and it may be awarded posthumously;*
- 6. Selection Process:*
 - a. Anyone can nominate a person living or deceased who meets the criteria in paragraph 4;*
 - b. Nominations must be submitted to the Commission via http://gov.idaho.gov/achievement_nomination.html or letter to the Office of Governor no later than March 31st;*
 - c. The Commission shall, by majority vote of its members, recommend no more than five (5) nominees from the individuals submitted to the Commission to the Governor for consideration by May 1st;*

- d. *The Governor will have sole discretion to award the Medal of Achievement from those nominees recommended by the Commission.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 3rd day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE